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Robert M. Deliman, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Deliman,

The Board of Registered Nursing is in receipt of your recent correspondence regarding Certified Nurse Anesthetist.

Certified Nurse Anesthetist do not require supervision by a physician nor do they require proctoring or a probation period. Registered Nurses who meet the criteria for certification are deemed competent to perform anesthesia. Certified Nurse Anesthetists who are not employees of an acute care facility are subject to the bylaws of the facility and may be required by the facility to provide proof of professional liability insurance coverage. There is no additional malpractice insurance required for the surgeons since a CRNA is responsible for his or her own professional conduct and is held liable for those professional acts. The CRNA practices under his or her own license not that of a physician.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Nurse Anesthetists Act. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

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Enclosures.